## STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN T WITZ ) File No.0800126

## ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENT: John T. Witz

24680 Miller Rd.

Barringtion, IL 60010

WHEREAS, a Temporary Order of Prohibition was issued by the Secretary of State on October 20, 2008 prohibiting John T. Witz from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act"), the failure to request a hearing within thirty days of the entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition shall constitute a sufficient basis to make the Temporary Order final.

WHEREAS, John T. Witz has failed to request a hearing on the matters contained in the said Temporary Order within thirty days of the entry of said Temporary Order and is hereby deemed to have admitted the facts alleged in the said Temporary Order.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly authorized representative, has adopted the Findings of Fact contained in the said Temporary Order as the Secretary of State's final Findings of Fact as follows:

- 1. That John T. Witz is an Illinois resident with a last known address of 24680 Miller Rd., Barrington, IL 60010.
- That from February 2008 through the present, John T. Witz offered for sale investments promising a 14% to 16% return on investment to Illinois investors.

- Some of the investments offered by Witz were investments in Viatical Life Settlements through Life Partners, Inc. while others were an investment in Ambit Energy.
- 4. That the above-referenced investments are securities as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act").
- 5. That Section 5 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 of the Act or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.
- 6. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 7. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under the provision of the Act.
- 8. That at all times relevant hereto, the Respondent, John T. Witz, failed to register the securities prior to their offer ands sale in the State of Illinois.
- 9. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent, John T. Witz, has violated Sections 12. A and 12.D of the Act.
- 10. That Section 11.F.(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the Secretary of State may temporarily suspend or prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person if the Secretary of State in his or her opinion, based upon credible evidence, deems it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors which the Secretary of State reasonably believes will occur as a result of a prior violation of the Act.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and though his duly authorized representative, has adopted the Conclusions of Law contained in the said Temporary Order as the Secretary of State's final Conclusions of Law as follows:

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- That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent, John T. Witz, has violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act; and
- 2. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent, John T. Witz, is subject, pursuant to Section 11.F of the Act, to an Order which permanently prohibits him from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, John T. Witz, is hereby prohibited from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State.

ENTERED: This 3/st day of Keember, 2008

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Secretary of State State of Illinois

NOTICE: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be a violation of the Section 12.D of the Act. Any person or entity who fails to comply with the terms of this Order of the Secretary of State, having knowledge of the existence of the Order, shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

This is a final order subject to administrative review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law, [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.] and the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Securities Act, [14 Ill. Admin. Code Ch. I, Section 130.1123]. Any action for Judicial Review must be commenced within thirty-five (35) days from the date a copy of this Order is served upon the party seeking review.

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